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FYI. The Willamette River is the topic for tomorrow's "Think Out Loud" talk show from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on OPB radio. Doug Drake, the Willamette Basin coordinator for DEQ, will be one of the guests along with Travis Williams of the Willamette Riverkeeper and someone from the Portland Triathlon.

I asked Doug to mention the Portland Harbor booths at the community fair.

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Are You Gonna Swim In That?

[Posted by David Abravanel on August 21, 2008]

Ask the average Oregonian to drink a glass of Willamette River water and the response is likely to be... well, less than enthusiastic. Yet, for some cities along the Willamette, the river has provided an [excellent water source](#) for the past few years. And over 200 local swimmers will brave the waters next weekend as part of the second annual [Portland Triathlon](#), which this year will be part of the inaugural [Riverfest 2008](#)[HYPERLINK](#) ["http://www.portlandtri.com/"](http://www.portlandtri.com/). This week also marks eighth annual [Paddle Oregon](#) trip up the Willamette, with over 100 participants.

Of course, the Willamette River is still not entirely in the clear. The Portland harbor has a whole mess of EPA [Superfund sites](#), and heavy rainfall -- like we've had this week -- can cause sewage to overflow into the river, leading to [swim advisories](#).

So just how safe -- for swimming, for angling, for boating, for drinking -- is the Willamette? Do you do you any those activities? Is the river making a comeback? What solutions are available for its future health?

When you hear "Willamette," what comes to mind?